

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 3 through 15, and 17 through 45 are pending, with Claims 1, 15, 33, 35, 41, 42, and 44 being independent. Claims 1, 3 through 15, and 17 through 41 were allowed. Claims 1, 15, 33, and 41 have been amended. Claims 42 through 45 have been added.

With reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the November 6, 2003 Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully notes that Claims 33 and 41 do not recite first and second magnetic lenses, but instead recite --a magnetic lens--. Favorable consideration in this regard is earnestly solicited.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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